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Stephen Luftig, Director
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St. Charles Street
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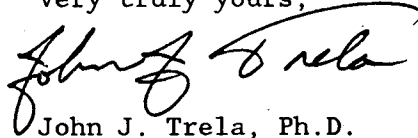
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John J. Trela".

John J. Trela, Ph.D.
Director

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c: Richard Salkie, USEPA



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Re: Removal Request-Tidewater Baling
St. Charles St.
Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Trela:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has received your request for a CERCLA Removal Action at the Tidewater Baling site. We are conducting a removal site evaluation to determine the site's eligibility under the NCP. The site has been referred to our enforcement program for initiation of site compliance activities.

The OSC assigned to the removal action is John Witkowski, who can be reached at (201)321-6739.

We would appreciate any available background site information to assist in preparing for the removal process.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen D. Luftig, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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TIDEWATER BALING CORPORATION
St. Charles Street
Newark, Essex County
EPA ID# None

Tidewater Baling Corporation, located on St. Charles Street in Newark is involved in reclaiming and baling scrap metals for recycling. The company has been located at this site since 1945 and the property was used for similar purposes since the 1950s.

Various metal materials are reclaimed and baled included 55 gallon drums, transformers, construction scrap and automobile parts.

On-site inspections have revealed poor housekeeping practices throughout the site. Scrap metal is piled throughout the yard and into adjacent property. Soil contamination is extensive throughout the site, especially in the area around the baler building. Hydraulic oil from the baler and the oil-water separator has been known to leak and spill on Tidewater Baler property. Runoff during heavy rains has caused this material to contaminate adjacent properties. Analysis of the contaminated soil and liquid has revealed the presence of PCB's, heavy metals and volatile organic materials as well as oily wastes.

~~The site is located next to a recreational area (Ironbound Stadium) and residential areas. The lack of proper security measures leaves the site easily accessible and gives a high potential for population exposure.~~

Workers at the site are not properly protected and could be exposed to hazardous substances. In 1979 an employee at the site was killed in an explosion in the baler building. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The company has been cited on numerous occasions for environmental and public safety violations by the city of Newark and NJDEP. An Administrative Consent Order was issued to the company on September 16, 1986 (Attachment C).

Removal of contaminated soil and liquid has started, but because of the great extent of contamination and lack of cooperation on the company's part, a high priority for action is recommended.

Immediate consideration must be given to this site because of the danger present to the population and the environment.

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Submitted by:

Robert Beretsky
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REMOVAL ACTION FACT SHEET

TIDEWATER BALING

Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

Total Project Ceiling:	Date: 2/9/89
Mitigation Ceiling:	Region II
Dollars Obligated FY89:	NPL: no
Additional Funding: \$250,000	OSC: Witkowski

INCIDENT CATEGORY: PCB contaminated waste oily runoff onto soil

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION: Tidewater Baling Corporation, located on St. Charles St. in Newark, N.J., reclaims and bales scrap metals for recycling. They handle transformers, drums, construction scrap, automobile parts, and etc. They have been at this location since 1945.

Inspections by NJDEP personnel have indicated poor housekeeping practices which has caused contamination of the dirt yard. Contaminants detected in soil and in pooled liquids on-site include PCB's, heavy metals, volatile organics, and petroleum hydrocarbons,

Subsequent state sampling found that the contaminated materials have migrated off-site in runoff and is affecting the adjacent recreational grounds.

MATERIALS: PCB's, heavy metals, solvents, and waste oils.

THREAT: Persons utilizing the recreational area are at risk from direct contact, possible ingestion and inhalation of the contaminated soils. Since the facility lacks adequate security, people also have ready access to the property proper and its alledged contamination.

ACTIONS: Preliminary reconnaissance of the area indicates that the facility remains operating, lacks adequate security, and continues poor housekeeping practices. A Removal Assessment, including a site inspection, has been planned.

The State has issued an order to Tidewater, but they have not complied with it.

PRESENT STATUS: The RAB is waiting for the official request from the NJDEP ot commence further action.

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Enforcement Action - Tidewater Baling
Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

Richard C. Salkie, Associate Director for
Removal and Emergency Preparedness Programs

George Pavlou, Associate Director for
Enforcement Programs

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has requested that we make an assessment to determine if a removal action is warranted at the Tidewater Baling Site, St. Charles St., Newark, New Jersey. The facility was engaged in, and does, recycling of metals. The NJDEP has documented releases of hazardous wastes into the environment, putting at risk people who use a neighboring recreational area. The NJDEP has also issued administrative orders against the facility to cease the releases and remediate the past contamination. To date the facility has not complied with these orders.

The initial assessment of this site indicates that it is removal eligible, and as such, I request that an individual be assigned to initiate enforcement action against the facility. Because of the history of this site and its location, I believe we should consider use of the new expedited process of issuing a notice and order to the facility.

The OSC assigned to this site is John Witkowski, who can be reached at 8-340-6739.

cc: S. Luftig, 2ERR
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